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SEPTEMBER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Mrs. Julia Altrocchi, noted author and poet, will be the speaker. Her subject will be "Adventures in California History". Some of Mrs. Altrocchi's published works are: The Spectacular San Franciscans, The Old California Trail, and Snow Covered Wagons. Tues., Sept. 19, 8 p.m., Glorietta School, Orinda. Host: Orinda Historical Society.

This program is second in a series of three experimental programs with the Moraga and Orinda Historical Societies. The experiment is the result of an effort to plan superior programs of mutual community interest as well as an attempt to attract a larger audience for our distinguished speakers. The first of these three meetings was hosted by the Lafayette Historical Society in March 1972 at Town Hall. Included in that program were Mr. and Mrs. Lasartemay of the East Bay Negro Historical Society; Mrs. Betsy Willcuts and Mrs. Marilyn Goeller, docents of the Oakland Museum who presented their original research on Black History of California.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Harold Buzbach
Mr. and Mrs. Braeme Gigas

ELAM BROWN FAMILY GENEOLOGY COMPLETED

After three years of intensive research, Mrs. Bernice Mills has completed the Elam Brown Family geneology. Mrs. Mills gathered her information through numerous conferences with family descendants; by researching the Hall of Records in Martinez; from headstones in cemeteries and from old newspapers.

A copy of this valuable research paper has been presented to the Lafayette Historical Society by Mrs. Mills. This chart of approximately 45 pages is in the historical file cabinet in the Lafayette Library and it may be studied during library hours.

RARE OLD PICTURES ADDED TO OUR PICTURE FILE

Descendants of Elam Brown's family met with Fern Davis, Bernice Mills, and Angela Broadhead to browse through old pictures and to discuss the Brown geneology.

The visitors were Mrs. Delbert Smith of Concord and Mrs. Ralph Smith of Martinez. Their husbands, Delbert and Ralph, are the great great grandsons of Elam Brown and great grandsons of Margaline (daughter of Elam) and Napoleon Bonapart Smith. The father of Delbert and Ralph is Grover Smith, now living in Martinez, and Margaline was his grandmother. Margaline, the only daughter of Elam, married Napoleon in 1847 and they later lived with their eight children in Alhambra Valley where they were neighbors to John Muir. Their son, Grover, often worked for Muir doing farm chores.

The Smiths lent us rare old pictures of Margaline, Napoleon, and other family members to reproduce for the historical file in the library.

THANKS

To all the members who helped with our historical exhibit at the Lafayette Concours d'Elegance in July. Special thanks to Mr. Danny Boyle, Jr., Mrs. Wayne Merryman, Mrs. Lee Pfautch, Mrs. Roy Williams who were at our booth to accept new memberships, to sell our picture post cards, and to answer questions about the historical society.

PICTURE POST CARDS AVAILABLE AT LAFAYETTE BUSINESS FIRMS

If you are ready to purchase another set of picture post cards of early-day Lafayette scenes, you'll be interested to know that these are being sold at the following places of business: Lafayette Camera Shop, Lafayette Federal Savings and Loan, McCaulou's Dept. Store. Large orders may also be placed with Joan Merryman. Cards sell for .10 each, 3 for a quarter, and 10 for .75.

The 10 pictures taken from the files of the Historical Society were selected and captioned by Board Member Mrs. Fern Davis. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will be used to further the Society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of Lafayette, according to President Lee Pfautch.

MEETING IN THE COUNTY

Contra Costa Historical Society meeting Sept. 28, 1972. Mr. Clyde Arbuckle of San Jose State College will speak on "The Overland Immigrant Trail from Missouri to Calif." This was the route travelled by many of the early pioneers to this area. No host cocktails at 7 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. For reservations at the Red Rooster Restaurant call: James Jory 228-4534. Meeting is open to non-members.

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SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 9, 1972 Lafayette Historical Society Meeting
Del Rey School, Orinda, 8 p.m.

Jan. 9, 1973 Annual Pot Luck Dinner
Veterans Memorial Bldg., Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

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